

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

**CHAPTER:** 2  
**SECTION:** 2.2  
**TITLE:** BREAST CONSTRUCTION AS RESULT OF A CONGENITAL ANOMALY

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**AUTHORITY:** 38 USC 1713 and 38 CFR 17.272(a)

**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(c)(2) and (e)(8)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

April 16, 1986

### II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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### III. DESCRIPTION

A congenital anomaly is a marked deviation from the normal standard, existing at, and usually before birth.

### IV. POLICY

CHAMPVA benefits are authorized for constructive breast surgery when absence of the breast exists due to a congenital anomaly to include augmentation of the absent breast, and/or breast reduction for the normal breast.

### V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Documentation must be submitted with each claim showing that a congenital anomaly existed which resulted in agenesis of the breast, i.e., Poland's syndrome.

B. For cosmetic, reconstructive, and plastic surgery guidelines related to congenital anomalies see [Chapter 2, Section 27.4](#), *Cosmetic, Reconstructive And Plastic Surgery - General Guidelines*.

C. Claims related to the correction of a congenital anomaly involving breast reduction of the normal breast for symmetry are not subject to the regulatory exclusion for reduction mammoplasty performed primarily for reasons of cosmesis, or the specific criteria outlined in [Chapter 2, Section 2.5, Reduction Mammoplasty](#), , which describes circumstances under which reduction mammoplasty procedures may be medically indicated.

## VI. EXCLUSION

Reconstructive breast surgery for incomplete or under development of breast not related to a verified congenital anomaly.

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